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## **BLM Offers Grazing On Rio Bonito Acquired Lands**

ROSWELL – The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to offer grazing within the Lincoln Acquired Lands on a limited basis according Ed Ryan, BLM-Roswell acting field office manager. “The multiple-use mission of the BLM is being fulfilled by opening some areas of these lands for grazing which is one method of fuels reduction, said Ryan.” The open period will begin within 60-90 days.

In accordance to the recently published Rio Bonito Acquired Lands Final Activity Plan, published in December of 2004, the BLM will allow grazing to take place on the acquired lands. High intensity/short-duration grazing practices will be used in selected parcels of the Rio Bonito lands to address fuels reductions (fire danger) within some of the areas.

Land owners in the cattle business immediately adjacent to the selected parcel of land will be given the opportunity to graze the lands. The cattle owner will provide electric fence and equipment needed to maintain the cattle in the selected area. BLM will work with livestock owners to determine the best time of year and duration of the grazing within the selected parcel to better manage the property.

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